

**MINUTES OF ASTON INGHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 7th DECEMBER 2020 AT 7.00 P.M. BY
ZOOM**

ATTENDED BY Mr J. Whatley (Chairman), Mrs J. Askew, Mr D. Hardwick, Mr N. Smith, Mr C. Tormey, (councillors), Mr D. Pettit, Mrs M. Pettit (parishioners)

APOLOGIES WERE RECEIVED AND ACCEPTED FROM Mr J. Harding

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR
DISPENSATIONS - none

PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS - none

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER MEETING were approved -to be signed later

ACTION POINTS - all addressed

HIGHWAYS UPDATE

Some potholes filled in Oaks Lane. Bridge repaired by church. Reminders were needed about flooding issues at Knightshill, The Old School and Crews Hill. (**Action Item 1**)

PLANNING

- a) Hill Aston. 203579. Proposed new garage with electrical charging ports, a plant room and biomass storage. There were some concerns about aspects of this proposal so councillors were asked to look at the plans again and submit any extra observations to the Chairman.
- b) Goldcliff, Oaks Lane. 202743. Re-consultation. Demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings and replacement with new, three-bed single-storey dwelling and garage building with associated drainage, landscape and ancillary works. Apart from a comment regarding the north-east façade observations were the same as in previous application.
- c) Birds Nest, Lea. 203309. Proposed conversion and extension of existing outbuilding to form annexe accommodation to Birds Nest. Concerns were raised over this being a new build in open countryside.
- d) Land opposite Morgans Farm. Appeal dismissed.
- e) Scott Low (Enforcement Officer) had responded regarding the land opposite Acacia. The shipping container is for agricultural storage, so can remain but there were several rubbish items and two caravans to be removed.

Mrs Pettit asked the chairman what the format of the planning meeting to discuss Application 203802 would be. The chairman explained what the usual procedure was.

CORRESPONDENCE - none

NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Mrs Askew had circulated the questionnaire to councillors so that it could be agreed at this meeting. Everyone was happy with the format. The plan is to hand deliver questionnaires to all electors during the first two weeks of January, to be collected by the end of the month. The printing is being arranged. Clerk is to sort geographical delivery areas. Mr and Mrs Pettit are composing a 'script' to help those delivering to engage. The virtual 'Open Day' fulfilled the criteria on consultation, but it is difficult to know how many people were reached.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH - nothing to report

FINANCE C.A. £13713.54 H.F. £627.20 P.C. £19.60

1. The budget for 2021-2022 had been circulated and was discussed. This will be posted on the website and on the village hall noticeboard for parishioners' comments. Councillor Wilding had emailed the Parish Council to inform them that the Herefordshire Council would be offering less services than normal due to reduced funds. Precept to be decided at the next meeting.
2. Clerk's salary. 3 months. Mr Smith proposed this be paid, Mrs Askew seconded. All in favour. Cheques written. (£583.68 - clerk. £145.92 - H.M.R.C.)
3. Invoice for work done on questionnaire design from David Nicholson, consultant. £300. Mr Whatley proposed this be paid, Mr Tormey seconded. All in favour.
4. Invoice for deployment of SID. £276.00. Mr Tormey proposed this be paid, Mrs Askew seconded. All in favour.

COUNCILLORS' SUBMISSIONS - none

FEEDBACK FROM POLICE MEETING

Mrs Askew had attended the meeting in the hope that we might make some progress with traffic calming measures. She explained how we seemed to 'have fallen through the cracks' and were not able to be part of Community Speedwatch or receive police speed checks. This discussion was followed up with an email, and it was agreed that we could be offered enforcement in the form of community policing mobile units, so

hopefully we shall start to see some police presence in the village. Mrs Askew was thanked for her work on this issue. It was possible that we may be able to obtain a grant for our own speed camera, and this would be looked into.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Thursday 10th December (Planning meeting to discuss application 203802)
Monday 4th January 2021

MEETING CLOSED AT 8.15 p.m.

The Aston Ingham Parish Council meeting is held in the committee room in the Village Hall on the first Monday of each month (excluding August, unless a special meeting needs to be called). Whilst Covid 19 restrictions are in place meetings will be held remotely by Zoom.

The meeting begins promptly at 7.00 p.m. and business is usually finished by 9.00 - 9.15 p.m.

Parishioners are welcome to attend the monthly meetings, and if they have any points of concern with respect to our parish to send a letter prior to the meeting to our clerk, Heather Hobbs, Brooklands Cottage, Aston Ingham, HR9 7LS, for discussion at the meeting. Alternatively, points may be raised during the allocated time for public submissions at the meeting.

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